

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer. Kindly amend claim 1 as follows. A detailed listing of all claims is as follows.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
a first substrate having a common electrode;
a second substrate having an active area;
an electrode pattern formed on the second substrate;
a seal pattern formed peripherally to said active area ~~completely~~ surrounding the electrode pattern, and contacting said first substrate and said second substrate, wherein the electrode pattern is completely embedded within the seal pattern;

a liquid crystal layer between said first substrate and said second substrate, and on the active area,

wherein said second substrate comprises:

data lines and gate lines arranged in a matrix shape to define pixel areas;
a TFT at an intersection of a data line and a gate line;
a protective film on the TFT; and
a pixel electrode on said protective film,
wherein the electrode pattern is between said seal pattern and said protective film.

Claim 2 (Original): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern is between said seal pattern and said second substrate.

Claims 3-4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern is the same material as said pixel electrode.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern is formed at the same time as said pixel electrode.

Claim 7 (Original): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern forms an electric field with said common electrode.

Claim 8 (Original): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern is applied with a constant DC bias voltage.

Claims 9-21 (Withdrawn).

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern contacts only said seal pattern and said protective film.